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SUBJ: I.A. NEGOTIATIONS MEETING, DECEMBER 3, 1974:

NATO/SOFA EXTENSION

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1. AT I.A. NEGOTIATIONS MEETING DECEMBER 3, 1974, TURKISH CHAIRMAN ASULA CONFIRMED THAT TURKS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN THEIR 1970 I.A. DRAFT FOR NATO/SOFA EXTENSION SINCE THEY NOW FELT THAT ESSENTIAL JUDICIAL AND FISCAL ELEMENTS SHOULD BE COVERED BY GOT CIRCULARS ISSUED AFTER APPROPRIATE CONSULTATION WITH COMPETENT U.S. AUTHORITIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH DCA ARTICLE IV PARA 2 AND AGREED MINUTE THERETO. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS WORKING WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOT AGENCIES TO DEVELOP A CIRCULAR ON EXISTING PRACTICES COVERED BY NATO/SOFA EXTENSION AND WOULD PRESENT THIS TO U.S. FOR COMMENT

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WHEN READY. U.S. WOULD THEN HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK FOR

ADDITIONAL ITEMS BUT TURKS BELIEVED THAT NO SUCH REQUEST WOULD BE MADE SINCE U.S. APPEARED HAPPY WITH PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER NATO/SOFA EXTENSION.

2. U.S. CHAIRMAN GARDNER STATED THAT USG WANTED AT LEAST AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES ON NATO/SOFA EXTENSION RETAINING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS.

3. TURKISH CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT TURKISH STUDY OF EXISTING PRACTICES UNDER NATO/SOFA EXTENSION WOULD INSURE THAT U.S. WILL NOT BE TREATED LESS FAVORABLY UNDER NEW ARRANGEMENT THAN UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENT

4. COMMENT: WE ARE WORKING ON DRAFT FOR EXCHANGE OF NOTES TERMINATING NATO/SOFA EXTENSION AND RETAINING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT FOR WASHINGTON LAG REVIEW. IAG COMMENTS ON ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS TO BE RETAINED WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. BERGUS

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